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1. At the north edge of the old airfield on the south side of the Cottbus-Burg road red lights were observed at night on nine masts. At the southwest corner of the old airfield six masts with red lights were also observed. At night red lights were observed on all hangars. During the night of 26/27 April 1950, at the south of the airfield, a searchlight intermittently lit the southwest quarter of the old airfield and the AA barracks to the east. At night a noise resembling that made by a large generator could be heard; it came from the wood west of the old airfield.

2. Runways

a. There are three completed runways and a fourth under construction at Cottbus. One runway, composed of concrete, runs in a southwest-northeast direction. It is approximately sixty to one hundred meters wide and approximately seven hundred meters long. A second concrete runway runs in a northwest-southeast direction. It is approximately thirty to fifty meters wide and approximately one thousand meters long. At its southeast terminus it joins a large concrete area (as shown in the attached sketch "A"). A third concrete runway lies to the north of the airfield. It runs nearly parallel to the Cottbus-Burg Road. Its eastern end was covered with ashes at the time of observation. A new, east-west runway is under construction. It is located between the stream which runs north of the Cottbus-Dahlitz road and the edge of the wood ("D" on the attached sketch "A")

b. On 27 April 1950 construction of the new runway had progressed as follows; approximately between points 24 and 25 (see attached sketch "A") the runway was observed to be composed of four rows of concrete blocks two meters wide, making a total width of eight meters. It is about 800 to 1000 meters long. Stakes marking a continuation of the runway in a westerly direction make the total length of the runway approximately 1200 meters. (Sketch "B" attached shows the method of laying the concrete blocks). The blocks are composed of a mixture of coarse gray gravel, fine white sand and cement. Gaps between the concrete blocks are filled with tar.

3. Personnel - [redacted] a total of between 800 and 1300 SAF personnel occupy the airfield barracks. They are flying and ground personnel and a supply unit. Shoulder-boards observed were light blue with black piping. Some had propeller insignia.

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4. Air Activity

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a. [redacted] no aircraft were observed on the field or parked in the open hangars. [redacted] nine PE-2's flew in a westerly direction at a height of approximately 2000 meters over the airfield. The formation was made up of three groups of three flying in one line. As the aircraft were passing over the airfield one PE-2 broke away and landed.

b. [redacted] No machines were observed on the airfield or in the hangars, most of which were open.

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c. [redacted] two PE-2's and three biplanes were observed parked before the hangars. Four PE-2's flew over the airfield during the morning.

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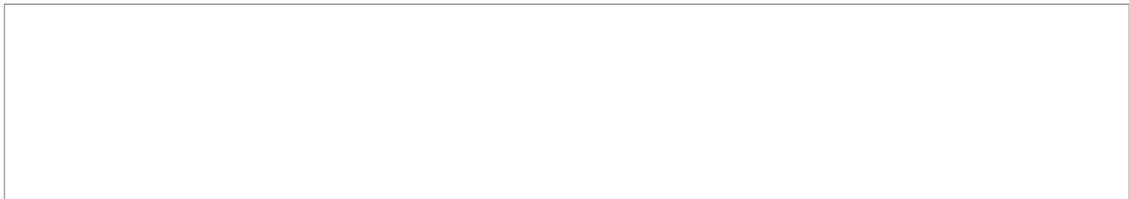
d. [redacted] thirty-six PE-2's were observed parked on the airfield. (for parking position see attached sketch "C".) There was no air activity.

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e. [redacted] No aircraft were observed on the airfield. Several formations of nine PE-2's were observed to fly near the airfield area at heights of between 500 and 3000 meters. [redacted] no aircraft were observed on the airfield or in the open hangars.

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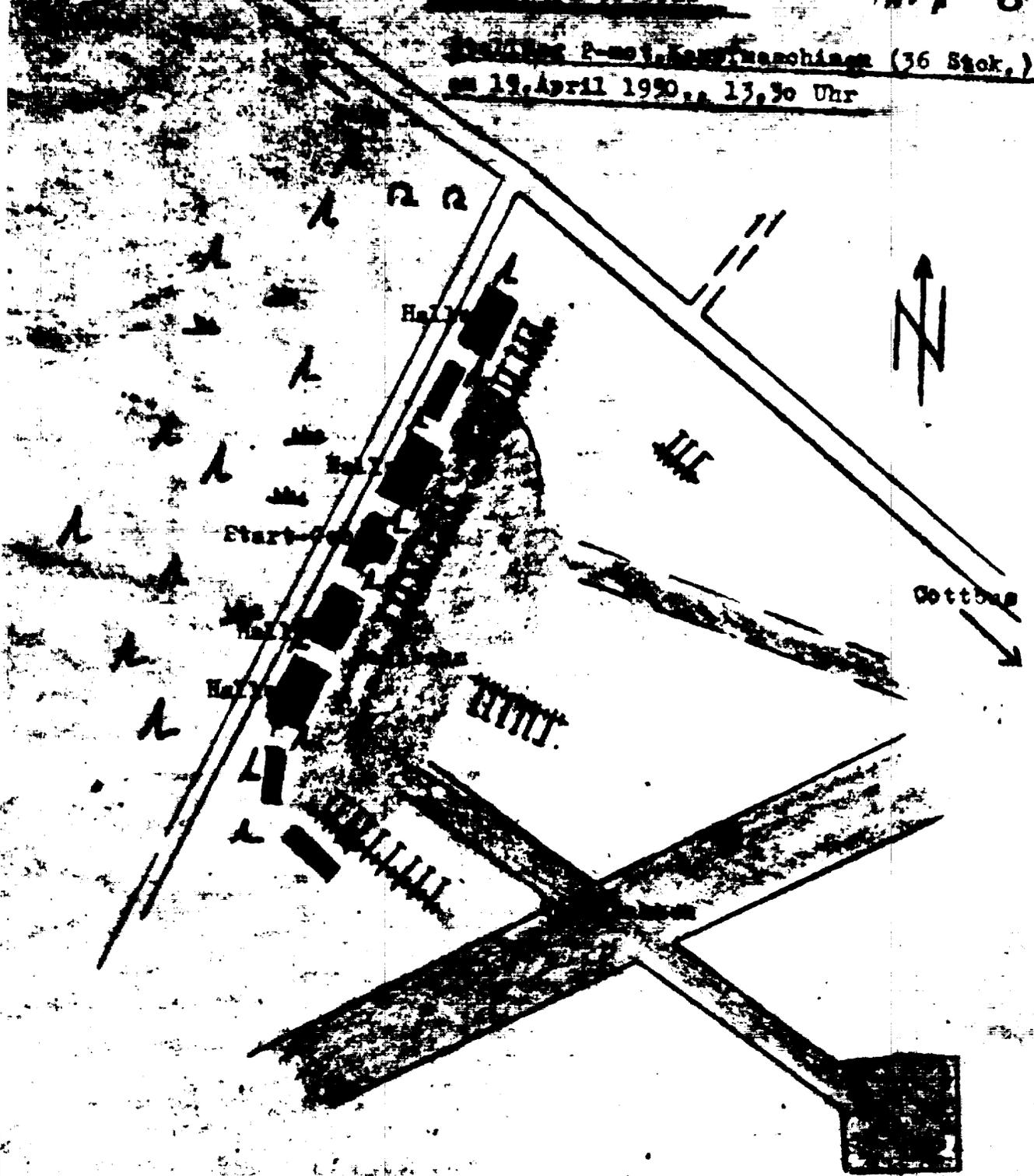
* Attachments: [redacted] sketches

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- A - Runway
- B - "
- C - "
- D - New runway.